



The Revised Intrastate Motor Carrier Safety Regulations – 2006



Effective November 1, 2006, Administrative Code Chapter Trans 327 changed. These changes provide drivers with an increased opportunity to obtain necessary rest and restorative sleep while recognizing the business needs of drivers and motor carriers. In addition, the new regulations provide an opportunity for drivers with diabetes or vision problems to obtain a waiver to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in intrastate commerce.

These regulations will apply to all motor carriers and drivers operating commercial motor vehicles (GVWR or GCWR of 10,001 lb. or more) in intrastate commerce, with certain exemptions and exceptions. (Refer to: Trans. 327.03(1), 327.03(2), 327.03(3), 327.03(4), 327.03(10), 327.09)

Hours-of-Service Rules

Old regulation (up to November 1, 2006)	New regulation (after November 1, 2006)
May drive a maximum of 12 hours after 8 consecutive hours off duty.	May drive a maximum of 12 hours after 10 consecutive hours off duty.
May not drive after being on-duty 16 hours following 8 consecutive hours off duty.	May not drive after being on-duty 16 hours following 10 consecutive hours off duty.
May not drive after 70/80 hours on duty in any 7/8 day period.	May not drive after 70/80 hours on duty in any 7/8 day period. A driver may restart a 7/8 day period after taking 34 or more consecutive hours off duty.
Must have 8 consecutive hours off duty between each on-duty/driving period.	May accumulate 10 consecutive hours off duty in one of 4 ways: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 10 consecutive hours off duty.2. 10 consecutive hours in the sleeper berth.3. 10 consecutive hours of off duty and sleeper berth combined.4. One period in the sleeper berth of at least 8 hours but less than 10 hours, combined with a separate period of at least 2 hours but less than 10 hours of either off duty, sleeper berth, or any combination of the two.

Diabetes and Vision Waiver Program

Those drivers who have diabetes requiring insulin, or who do not meet current vision standards, may apply for a waiver to operate a CMV in intrastate commerce. Drivers must provide written documentation from medical or vision specialists that their conditions meet the requirements for the waiver found in Trans 327.02.

More information and required forms may be obtained from: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Medical Review Section, P.O. Box 7918, Madison, WI 53707-7918 or by calling (608) 266-2327.

Questions

If you have questions on any of the motor carrier safety regulations, please call the Motor Carrier Enforcement Information Service at (608) 267-9762. Or, visit us on the web at <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/statepatrol/enforcement/motor-carrier.htm>

The official version of Trans 327 may be found on the web at:
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/trans/trans327.pdf>